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In re the Application of:

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For: GAMING DEVICE WITH BIOMETRIC
SYSTEM



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) Art Unit: 2136

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

Dear Sir:

Applicant, Rakesh Bhakta, hereby declares:

1. I am the applicant of the patent application cited above.
2. Prior to July 17, 2001, I concerned the invention of the above patent

application in the United States. Prior to July 17, 2001, I disclosed my invention to David Oles, who at that time was a fellow employee of the assignee of this application, IGT, a Nevada corporation. I also did some Internet research as to feasibility concerning the invention.

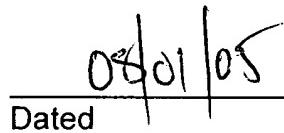
3. After that, I prepared a summary document of my invention, entitled "Patent Request Display" and I submitted it on June 26, 2001. A copy of this document with redactions is enclosed as Exhibit A.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further

that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



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Exhibit A

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Patent Request Display

Submit Date 06/26/2001

Attachment

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Background BACKGROUND OF INVENTION to make it possible for a casino
to keep a track of players using a gaming machine by using the
smart card on a player tracking unit or gaming machine

Advantages ADVANTAGES ACHIEVED BY INVENTION The idea would
enhance the use of smart cards when players use smart cards to
play credits on a gaming machine particularly in areas where no
security measures exist between the player and the game by
having a non intrusive record of a patron playing at a gaming

machine and being able to record that presence for future reference.

Comments The invention involves the storage of a set of finger prints on a smart card or other type of player tracking card. Also the use of finger print scanners enclosed within the play buttons on a gaming machine.(i.e cashout,max bet, hold buttons) when the smart card is inserted and the patron pushes a button the scanner in the button scans the finger and compares that image with the one stored in the smart card to determine if the player matches the smart card. The finger print images scanned may be recorded and kept for legal comparison at a later time.

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